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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 3062

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CPAS, CASC, IR

SUBJECT: IRANIAN OATH

REF: STATE 64595 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMB STILL UNAWARE OF ANY CASE IN WHICH OATH HAS BEEN REQUIRED. AT PRESENT, PARTY STILL SEEKING SIGNATURES ON SIGN-UP LISTS. SUCH LISTS DO NOT RPT NOT AT PRESENT INCLUDE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE. EMB WILL FORWARD TEXT OF ANY OATH PROPAGATED AS SOON AT IT CAN OBTAIN SAME.

2. IN THE INTERIM, EMB REQUESTS ANSWER TO FOLLOWING:
WHETHER MEMBERSHIP IN A POLITICAL PARTY SUBSCRIBING TO CERTAIN PRINCIPLES MIGHT BE CONSIDERED TO CONSTITUTE AN OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO SAID PRINCIPLES (E.G., LOYALTY TO THE CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND MONARCHY OF IRAN), SO THAT MERE MEMBERSHIP IN THE PARTY PUTS THAT MEMBER IN DANGER OF EXPATRIATION.

3. RE REFTEL, EMB PROPOSES FOLLOWING COURSE OF ACTION:
(A) QUOTE FIRST FOUR SENTENCES OF DEPT'S ADVICE PARA THREE REFTEL TO PERSONS CONTACTING EMB WITH INQUIRIES RE OATH.
(B) ADVISE INQUIRERS THAT SHOULD THEY BE REQUESTED TO SIGN OR SWEAR AN OATH, THEY SHOULD REFRAIN FROM DOING SO IF POSSIBLE. IF PERSON DECIDES HE MUST, UNDER VARIOUS OUTSIDE PRESSURES, SIGN OR SWEAR OATH, EMB WILL QUOTE LAST TWO SENTENCES OF ADVICE PARA THREE REFTEL. IF OATH REQUIREMENT SHOULD COME AS SURPRISE, EMB WILL ADVISE AFFIANT TO COME TO EMBASSY SOONEST, TO MAKE REGISTRATION AND/OR AFFIDAVIT.

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4. EMB BELIEVES ABOVE COURSE AVOIDS STIR OF CONCERN AND ACTIVITY

RE NEW PARTY WHICH IS PROBABLY UNWARRANTED BY EVENTS AS THEY
NOW STAND. EMB WISHES TO AVOID CREATION OF HYPOTHETICAL
PROBLEMS WHICH MAY NEVER BECOME ACTUAL.
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